accreted by Pvt//JV companies during the above period was 109 MMT of O+OEG.

Outstanding foreign debt

*135. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of India's foreign debt outstanding on 31st March, 2003 both in absolute terms and in percentage of GDP;

(b) whether it has increased or decreased in absolute terms over the last three years; and

(c) What was the external debt at this ratio in the last three fiscal years?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) As per latest information available, total external debt of the country, as at end-December, 2002 was US$ 105.0 billion constituting 20.6 per cent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

(b) and (c) The details of external debt of the country and external debt to GDP ratio for the last three years are as follows:

Year	Total External Debt (US$ million)	External Debt to GDP ratio
2000-01	101,132	22.4
2001-02	98,761	21.0
2002-03*	104,987	20.6

*: April—December, 2002

Financial Assistance to Orissa

*136. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRi B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Japan Government has promised to extend financial assistance for Renagali Irrigation Project in Orissa, if so, the details thereof;